2001 to the effect that the agreement between India and Bangladesh to distribute Ganga Water between these two countries signed in 1997 should be reviewed;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to this reported statement; and

(c) whether Bangladesh Prime Minister Begum Khalida Zia has made any formal demand for the review of the Ganga Water agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYF OF WATER RESOURCES (MS. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Treaty between India and Bangladesh on sharing of Ganga waters at Farakka during lean period (January to May) was signed on 12th December, 1996. The Treaty itself has a provision for review by the two Governments at five years interval or earlier, as required by either party and needed adjustment, based on principles of equity, fairness and no harm to either party made thereto if necessary. The Government of Bangladesh has not so far made any formal demand for a review.

Assistance for Small Irrigation

3036. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what assistance has been offered to small irrigation in Assam during the last three years;

(b) how much hectares of land have been brought under such projects;

(c) the result and achievement thereof; and

(d) in what other agricultural fields, the assistance by Government to Assam have been offered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (MS. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) During the last three years the assistance received by the State of Assam for Minor/Small Irrigation is as under:

	Irrigation Deptt.	Agriculture Deptt.
1998-99	Rs.14.21 crore	Rs.15.59 crore
1999-2000	Rs.10.62 crore	Rs.64.74 crore
2000-01	Rs.5.777 crore	Rs.120.23 crore
Total	Rs.30.607 crore	Rs.200.56 crore

(b) and (c) Hectares of Land/Area brought under cultivation by these Projects/schemes is as under:

	Irrigation Deptt.	Agriculture Deptt.
(i) During 1998-99	12745 Hectare	23,000 Hectare
(ii) During 1999-2000	5587 Hectare	90,000 Hectare
(iii) During 2000-2001	30462 Hectare	1,52,000 Hectare
Total	48794 Hectare	2,65,000 Hectare

(d) Assistance has been provided to the Government of Assam by the Ministry of Agriculture for the following crop schemes;

1. Intensive Cotton Development Programme (ICDP-Cotton)
2. Integrated Cereal Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping System Areas.
3. Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping system (SUBACS)
4. Special Jute Development Programme (SJDP)
5. National Pulses Development Programme (NPDP)
6. Oil Palm Development Programme (OPDP)